

Broward County Sheriff  
SL Office  
2601 West Broward Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

October 25, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Florida Sunshine Law request, copied below, and originally submitted on Aug. 26, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On Aug. 26, 2019:

Subject: Florida Sunshine Law Request: FBI/DOJ FOIA consult (Broward County Sheriff)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Florida Sunshine Law, I hereby request the following records:

Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc.) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components.

I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers in outlets such as Gizmodo, MuckRock, Motherboard, Property of the People, Unicorn Riot, and The Outline, among others. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the library Internet Archive and the

journalist non-profit MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance.

As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

Emma Best

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**Subject:** [Records Center] Media Records Request :: R063128-110719 :: R063128-110719

**Body:**

**Re: Media Records Request of November 07, 2019. Reference #: R063128-110719**

Dear Emma Best:

The Broward Sheriff's Office received a records request from you on November 07, 2019 seeking the following .

*Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc.) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components.*

*The full records request is attached.*

The Broward Sheriff's Office is unable to furnish you with the information you have requested due to the following reason(s):

More detailed information is needed to process your request. What time period do you want to have searched? If you're requesting old emails, they will have to be restored. The restoration of e-mail records from archived backup tapes is a detailed process involving labor costs. The IT network analyst can restore the archived emails of employees you request, then perform a word search on the employee's emails.

Please clarify your request as noted above. A reply must be received in ten (10) business days or your request will be closed and a new request will be required.

You may reply to this email with your clarification or send a message by logging into our online Public Records Center.

Should you have any questions, please respond to this email or call me at (954) 831-8300.

Sincerely,  
Veda Coleman-Wright  
Broward Sheriff's Office  
Public Information Unit

Emma,

This request has been submitted for you and requires more information from you. You should have received an email on November 7, 2019. A copy of that email is included. Please consider submitting your future public records request through GovQA instead of by fax, so that we can serve you in a timelier manner.

## How to Use BSO's Public Records Website

Thank you for emailing Broward Sheriff's Office Public Information Office.

If you're submitting a public records request, the process just got easier!!

Simply visit our website at [sheriff.org](http://sheriff.org) and click on the "Request a Record" tab. (see image below)



Create an account, and you will be able to track and monitor your request and receive notifications to the email address provided regarding its status.

Members of the media should select the appropriate identifier from the drop-down menu when creating an account. We know the request might be time-sensitive, but you can also opt to submit your request anonymously.

To contact a member of the Public Information Office about other matters, you can continue to submit your requests to [mediarelations@sheriff.org](mailto:mediarelations@sheriff.org).